

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the Final Office Action of May 27, 2004 and offers the following remarks to accompany the above amendments.

Claims 61 and 62 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicant respectfully traverses.

Claim 61 was rejected because the Patent Office opined that the specification failed to describe how callers could generate a plurality of customized CIDs through a packet based network. Applicant respectfully points the Patent Office to page 6, lines 5-9 as well as page 15, lines 17-25. Lines 5-9 on page 6 specifically contemplate "allowing subscribers to set custom name information by using PCs or other Internet access appliances to gain access to a Web server having custom name editing capabilities." Likewise, the incorporated application on page 15 describes editing lists over the Internet (which is a packet based network). As these passages were effectively or explicitly in the specification as filed, Applicant was clearly in possession of the claimed subject matter. Applicant requests withdrawal of the § 112 rejection of claim 61 at this time.

Claim 62 was rejected because the Patent Office opined that the specification failed to describe how the dialable numbers were screened for appropriate material. Applicant respectfully points the Patent Office to original claim 56, page 6, lines 12-25, and page 14, lines 17-28. These passages and claim 56 describe screening for inappropriate material. These passages were in the specification as filed, and thus, Applicant was clearly in possession of the claimed subject matter at the time of filing. Applicant appreciates the telephonic interview of July 13, 2004 when this issue was discussed. The Examiner requested that we point out the particular places in the specification where support can be found. As Applicant has done so in this response, Applicant requests withdrawal of the § 112 rejection of claim 62 at this time.

Claims 1, 13-17, 26, 36-38, 41-45, and 57-58 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Rhodes.

Claims 47, 49, 50, and 52-55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Strauss in view of Rhodes.

Applicant herein amends the independent claims to recite the subject matter of allowable claim 2. Claims 2, 27, 39, 48, and 59 are canceled as redundant. Several claims have further been amended to correct dependencies and/or to conform to the amended independent claims.

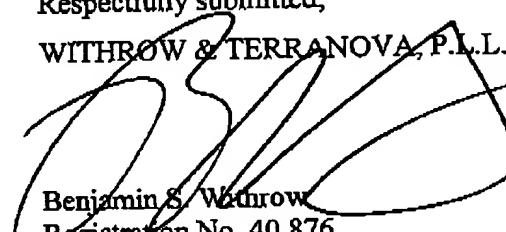
No new matter is added. In light of the amendments to include the allowable subject matter, Applicant requests withdrawal of the §§ 102 and 103 rejections at this time.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the rejection in light of the amendments and remarks presented herein. Applicant earnestly solicits claim allowance at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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